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PRODUCTION AND COORDINATION OF FOREIGN  
ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE

Pursuant to the provisions of NSCID Nos. 1 and 3, and for the purposes of strengthening the overall governmental intelligence structure and insuring the effective production and coordination of foreign economic intelligence relating to the national security, the following policies and operating procedures are hereby established:

1. Policies.

In carrying out their foreign economic intelligence activities and responsibilities, and in order to effect appropriate coordination in the production and exchange of foreign economic intelligence, the interested departments and agencies shall apply the following basic principles:

a. No complete separation of interests is possible or necessarily desirable in economic intelligence activities.

b. Full and free interchange of all pertinent information, finished intelligence, and schedules of research programs, including external research, among interested departments and agencies is essential.

c. No one department or agency is considered to be the indisputable authority in any field.

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d. Each department or agency, taking full cognizance of the facilities of the other agencies, shall maintain adequate economic intelligence research facilities to accomplish its departmental intelligence production mission and to provide such additional economic intelligence within its field of primary responsibilities as may be necessary to satisfy other requirements relating to the national security. Any department or agency may make such studies as it believes necessary to supplement the intelligence produced by other departments and agencies. However, basic research studies should not normally be undertaken or disseminated outside the producing agency without consultation with the department or agency having primary responsibility for the subject matter involved.

e. The IAC component of each department or agency having Technical Services or other facilities with intelligence production capabilities shall endeavor to coordinate the intelligence activities of such service or facilities with the work of the IAC agencies and to make available to those agencies the intelligence produced by such Services and facilities.

2. Allocation of Primary Production Responsibilities.

a. The following division of interests shall serve as a general delineation of primary responsibilities for the production of economic intelligence of common concern:

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(1) Production of military-economic intelligence on all foreign countries, including by way of illustration intelligence on military requirements, military materiel production, shipbuilding and ship movements, logistic capabilities, and particular aspects of economic strength or weakness directly related to military capabilities, is the responsibility of the Departments of Army, Navy, and Air Force.

(2) Production of intelligence on all foreign countries on political and social aspects of economic organizations and institutions such as trade unions, and on the relationships between political and economic policies, is the responsibility of the Department of State.

(3) Production of all economic intelligence on the Sino-Soviet Bloc<sup>1/</sup> is the responsibility of the Central Intelligence Agency except as indicated herein. In addition, it will supplement the intelligence produced by other agencies by conducting such analyses and studies as may be necessary to produce integrated economic intelligence on the Bloc.

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1. As used herein, "Sino-Soviet Bloc" includes USSR, Communist China, North Korea, North Vietnam, Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Rumania, and Soviet-occupied portions of Germany.

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(4) Production of all economic intelligence on foreign countries outside the Sino-Soviet Bloc is the responsibility of the Department of State except as indicated in paragraph 2 a (1).

b. Despite the above-mentioned allocations of primary production responsibilities, there are areas of common or overlapping interest (including, for example, Sino-Soviet Bloc economic policies and doctrines, economic cost studies of Bloc military programs, East-West trade, Sino-Soviet Bloc economic activities in non-Bloc areas, and transportation) which require continuing interagency liaison and cooperation.

c. The existing allocations of production responsibility for National Intelligence Surveys (NIS) are not changed by this directive even though such allocations may, in some instances, be at variance with department or agency responsibilities specified in paragraph 2 a. However, the EIC may, on occasion, examine such allocations and make appropriate recommendations to the NIS Committee.

3. Responsibility for Economic Intelligence Coordination.

a. To assist the Director of Central Intelligence in carrying out his responsibilities with respect to coordination, the Economic Intelligence Committee (EIC) of the IAC shall:

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(1) Review from time to time the divisions of responsibility indicated herein, determining how the provisions of this directive apply, particularly in areas of common or overlapping interest, and recommending to the IAC appropriate changes in these divisions of responsibility.

(2) Periodically survey the facilities and arrangements available to support the production of foreign economic intelligence relating to the national security and make recommendations to the IAC concerning such improvements as may require IAC action.

(3) In order to minimize the duplication of effort and expense: prepare and circulate consolidated periodic lists of intelligence studies and related research being conducted within the Government on the economies of foreign areas; and review external research projects individually involving more than \$5,000 and sponsored by departments or agencies in support of economic intelligence production. Departments and agencies shall submit descriptions of the scope of such projects to the EIC and the EIC shall endeavor to present its recommendations

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in advance of final approval by the contracting department or agency. In its periodic reports to the IAC, the EIC shall include a summary of actions on these projects.

(4) Review the needs for economic research and analysis pertaining to foreign areas and of importance to the national security, and develop ways in which recognized deficiencies could be corrected.

(5) Make such special reviews of economic intelligence collection requirements and of the distribution and processing of economic intelligence information as may appear useful, and develop ways in which improvements could be made.

(6) Ensure that, on intelligence matters affecting the national security, the intelligence community is supported by the full economic knowledge and technical talent available in the Government.

(7) Produce, as appropriate, interdepartmental economic intelligence on subjects which transcend the competency of a single department or agency. Arrange, as appropriate, for the coordination of individual IAC agency reports deemed of sufficient national security importance to warrant the solicitation of concurrences from the representatives of other IAC agencies.

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b. The Central Intelligence Agency and the intelligence components of the Departments of State, Army, Navy, and Air Force, and of the Joint Staff (JCS) shall each furnish one member and an alternate to the EIC. Any other department or agency whose interest or competence may be relevant to problems under consideration may also be invited to participate in the work of the EIC. The representative from the Central Intelligence Agency shall serve as Chairman, and the Central Intelligence Agency shall provide the Secretariat.

c. In carrying out its responsibilities, the EIC shall set up such subcommittees and working groups as may be judged necessary.

d. Any matter may be referred to the IAC at the request of any member department or agency.

4. DCID 15/1 is herewith rescinded.

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